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Belotserkovshii *et al.*,

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HYBRIDS AND METHODS OF USE

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RESPONSE

Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2002 and is accompanied by a petition for a three month extension of time and the required fee, thereby extending the period for response up to and including Monday, December 16, 2002.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees or other relief, which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. No. A-68112-1/RFT/NBC).

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend claims 43, 44, 60, 64, 108, 112, and 113 as follows: